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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNICEF" STAMPS AND SOUVENIR CARDS AND 1996 ANNUAL COLLECTION FOLDERS

Commemorative stamps

1. On Wednesday, 20 November 1996, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card to commemorate the "50th Anniversary of UNICEF". The stamps will be issued in sheets of eight stamps.

2. UNPA gratefully acknowledges the Walt Disney Company, which has generously created the artwork for these six stamps in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

3. Each of the six stamps depicts a scene from a selection of the world's most loved children's stories and folk tales, and thus the Walt Disney Company and the United Nations not only salute the children of the world but also pay tribute to the creators of these endearing children's stories. The denominations of the stamps and the stories on which the illustrations are based are:

US$ 0.32	Yeh-Shen
US$ 0.60	The Ugly Duckling
SwF 0.70	The Sun and The Moon
SwF 1.80	Ananse
S 5.50	Hansel and Gretel
S 8	How Maui Stole Fire from the Gods

Denomination: US$ 0.60

Denomination: US$ 0.32 SwF 0.70 SwF 1.90

Denomination: S 5.50 S 8

(United States equivalents - SwF 0.70: $0.56; SwF 1.80: $1.43; S 5.50: $0.50; and S 8: $0.73 - subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

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Souvenir card

4. The fiftieth in a series of souvenir cards will be released also on 20 November 1996 to coincide with the "50th Anniversary of UNICEF" issue. The card was designed by John B. De Santis, Jr. (United States of America), based on the artwork produced by the Walt Disney Company, and carries a statement by the Secretary-General. The souvenir cards will be available for a period of three months while supplies last.

Annual collection folders

5. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 1996 will be released on 20 November 1996. Please note that the 1996 "Endangered Species" stamps are not included in these folders, but are contained in their own special album.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY.

7. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir cards, annual collections and first day covers on Wednesday, 20 November, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

(c) The counter outside the cafeteria in the DC-1 building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

10. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at the United Nations Web server (http://www.un.org) under the "Publications and Sales" icon.